

(9) The WHO Director-General further commented, "As far as WHO is concerned all hypotheses remain on the table . . . We have not yet found the source of the virus, and we must continue to follow the science and leave no stone unturned as we do . . . It is clear that we need more research across a range of areas, which will entail further field visits."

(10) The March 30, 2021 Joint Statement on the WHO-convened COVID-19 Origins Study by the United States and 13 other countries recognized the severe shortcomings of the joint-study process and called for "a transparent and independent analysis and evaluation, free from interference and undue influence."

(11) In spite of the devastation the COVID-19 pandemic has caused in the United States and around the world, no process currently exists to ensure a comprehensive investigation into the origins of COVID-19.

(12) Such an investigation is essential for ensuring this type of crisis never happens again for the benefit of all people, all nations, and future generations.

(b) SENSE OF THE SENATE.—It is the sense of the Senate that—

(1) a comprehensive scientific and forensic investigation to determine the origins of COVID-19 must be conducted immediately, with full and unrestricted access to all relevant records, samples, and personnel, particularly in China, and that such investigation must fully explore all possible origins of the COVID-19 pandemic, including an exclusively "natural" zoonosis in the wild, human contamination in an animal farm, and a research-related accident;

(2) the United States delegation to the World Health Assembly should do everything in its power, in concert with allies and partners around the world, to ensure that a full and unrestricted international scientific and forensic investigation into the origins of COVID-19, with full access to all relevant records, samples, and personnel in China, will be authorized by the World Health Assembly and implemented with extreme urgency; and

(3) if the Chinese government does not, by the end of the 2021 World Health Assembly, indicate its full support for a comprehensive investigation to determine the origins of COVID-19 with unrestricted access to all relevant records, samples, and personnel in China, then the United States Government should immediately begin planning a parallel comprehensive and data-driven investigation into the origins of COVID-19, in concert with willing partner governments and experts around the world.

#### AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Ms. HIRONO. Mr. President, I have a request for one committee to meet during today's session of the Senate. It has the approval of the Majority and Minority leaders.

Pursuant to rule XXVI, paragraph 5(a), of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the following committee is authorized to meet during today's session of the Senate:

#### COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Monday, May 24, 2021, at 6 p.m., to conduct a closed hearing.

#### PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the following members from my personal office and Committee on Finance teams be granted floor privileges for the remainder of the Congress: Jake Pasner, Jonathan Beier, Erik Schnotala, Raghav Aggarwal, and Marisa Dowling.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—S. 1775 and H.R. 3237

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I understand there are two bills at the desk due for a second reading en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The leader is correct.

The clerk will read the bills by title for the second time en bloc.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1775) to address gun violence, improve the availability of records to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System, address mental illness in the criminal justice system, and end straw purchases and trafficking of illegal firearms, and for other purposes.

A bill (H.R. 3237) making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2021, and for other purposes.

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, in order to place the bills on the calendar under the provisions of rule XIV, I would object to further proceeding en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection having been heard, the bills will be placed on the calendar.

#### CONGRATULATING THE STUDENTS, PARENTS, TEACHERS, AND LEADERS OF CHARTER SCHOOLS ACROSS THE UNITED STATES FOR MAKING ONGOING CONTRIBUTIONS TO EDUCATION, AND SUPPORTING THE IDEALS AND GOALS OF THE 22ND ANNUAL NATIONAL CHARTER SCHOOLS WEEK, TO BE HELD MAY 9 THROUGH MAY 15, 2021

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 230, submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 230) congratulating the students, parents, teachers, and leaders of charter schools across the United States for making ongoing contributions to education, and supporting the ideals and goals of the 22nd annual National Charter Schools Week, to be held May 9 through May 15, 2021.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. SCHUMER. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be considered made

and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 230) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

#### EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE DESIGNATION OF MAY 17, 2021, AS "DIPG PEDIATRIC BRAIN CANCER AWARENESS DAY"

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 231, submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 231) expressing support for the designation of May 17, 2021, as "DIPG Pediatric Brain Cancer Awareness Day" to raise awareness of and encourage research on diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma tumors and pediatric cancers in general.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. SCHUMER. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 231) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

#### ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, MAY 25, 2021

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 10 a.m., Tuesday, May 25; that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and morning business be closed; further, upon the conclusion of morning business, the Senate proceed to executive session to resume consideration of Executive Calendar No. 117, Chiquita Brooks-LaSure, to be Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, postcloture; further, that all time on the Brooks-LaSure nomination be considered expired at 11:45 a.m.; that the Senate recess following the cloture vote on the Clarke nomination until 2:15 p.m. to allow for the weekly caucus meetings; that if cloture is invoked on the Clarke nomination, all postcloture debate time be considered expired at 2:30 p.m.; and finally, that if any of the nominations are confirmed, the motions to reconsider be considered made